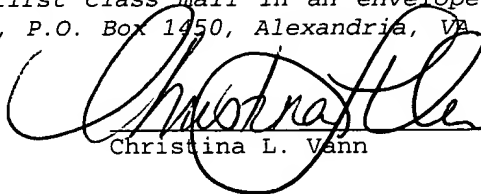


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In response to the Final Office action dated September 10, 2003, the Advisory Action dated December 22, 2003, and pursuant to the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the enclosed Petition for one month extension of time with the appropriate fees, Applicant respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.